GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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UNCONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICES ADOPTED BY TRIBAL PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether illegal and unconstitutional practices of outcasting, imposing monetary penalty, forcing to do humiliating acts and inflicting corporal punishments are being followed by the tribal and caste based Panchayats of the country to settle the internal disputes; and

(b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to check and ban such practices?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) & (b) : As per information received from the Ministry of Rural Development which is administratively concerned with the subject matter, no such practices have been reported to that Ministry. Therefore, no decision has been initiated so far to ban such practices.